

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/617,519	JAGER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Michael W. Talbot	3722	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 06 January 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-40.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/06/06
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 21-40 are allowed.

Claims 21,27 and 33 are the independent claims.

In each of the above independent claims, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious, solely or in combination, a locking screw, a clamping ring having a countersinking arrangement and a clamping shoe in working combination such that the locking screw penetrates radially through the clamping ring to brace the clamping ring against the surfaces of the spiral flute wherein the clamping shoe is positioned between and secured by the locking screw to the surface of a spiral flute.

Knutsson '869 is the best art of record.

Knutsson '869 shows in Figures 1-5 a twist drill (1) having a clamping ring (2) mounted in any axial adjustment position surrounding the spiral fluted shaft portion (7) of the drill for holding a countersink drill (4,6). Knutsson '869 shows the clamping ring being secured to the countersink by a threaded connection (between 2 and 3) whereby as the clamping ring is continually threaded, it exerts a pressure on a clamping shoe (3,5) thus securing it to the drill. Knutsson '869 shows the clamping shoe portion (5) positioned within the spiral flute of the drill within tunnels formed between the surface of the spiral flute and the clamping ring.

Knutsson '869 lacks the presence of a locking screw that penetrates radially and braces the clamping ring (2) against the surfaces of the spiral flute (7) with the clamping shoe (3,5) being positioned between the locking screw and the surface of a spiral flute.

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Although locking screws are well known in the art, there is no proper motivation to replace the collet-like clamping system with a radially penetrating locking screw to provide securement of the clamping shoe to the surface of the spiral flute.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

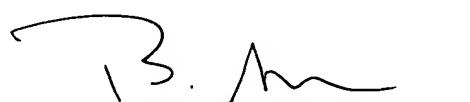
Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning the content of this communication from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Talbot, whose telephone number is 571-272-4481. The examiner's office hours are typically 8:30am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The examiner's supervisor, Mr. Boyer D. Ashley, may be reached at 571-272-4502.

In order to reduce pendency and avoid potential delays, group 3720 is encouraging FAXing of responses to Office Actions directly into the Group at FAX number 571-273-8300. This practice may be used for filling papers not requiring a fee. It may also be used for filing papers, which require a fee, by applicants who authorize charges to a USPTO deposit account. Please identify Examiner Michael W. Talbot of Art Unit 3722 at the top of your cover sheet.



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